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1. EMB SHARES DEPT'S INTEREST, REFLECTED REFTTEL, IN IMPROVING ADMINISTRATION OF LECTURER EXCHANGE, SPECIFICALLY IN PROMOTING TIMELY EXCHANGES OF RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATED TO NAME AND FIELD REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS. ASSUME MOSCOW'S A-214 AND REPORTS OF RETURNED 1975-76 LECTURERS HAVE PROVIDED DEPT, CIES WITH DETAILED INSIGHTS INTO PROBLEM AREAS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

2. AT THIS END, EMB HAS RECENTLY FILLED LONG-VACANT SECOND AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION IN P&C/DOWN. WE ARE ALSO STILL HOPEFUL OF GETTING AN ADDITIONAL SOVIET CULTURAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHO WOULD WORK IN PART ON EXCHANGES. WITH THESE ADDITIONS TO STAFF, WE SHOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO FOLLOW UP ON LECTURER EXCHANGES MATTERS AND TO PROD SOVIETS WHEN NECESSARY WITHOUT LOSS OF ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT AND GROWING SPEAKER PROGRAM AND OTHER EXCHANGES.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF "NEW,  
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MORE DIRECT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WOULD HELP CONSIDER-

ABLY" AS SUGGESTED PARA ONE REF, BUT WOULD RATHER CONFUSE MATTERS. WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE WITH IREX TELEGRAMS TO MHE AND ACADEMY THAT THEY FREQUENTLY DO NOT REACH THEIR DESTINATIONS UNTIL WE PASS PHOTOCOPIES OF THE COURTESY COPIES IREX SENDS TO EMB. ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR EMB. TO FOLLOW UP WITH MHE TO GET ANSWERS TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE RECORDS WE MAINTAIN OF WHAT MATERIALS HAVE BEEN PASSED AND WHEN. FINALLY, EXCHANGE LECTURERS REQUIRE MORE EMBASSY SUPPORT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND WE MUST BE FULLY INFORMED RE ARRIVAL PLANS, WHETHER VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, ETC. THEREFORE, WE PREFER TO MAINTAIN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS AS THEY NOW EXIST. IF CIES COULD PREPARE DSP-66'S AND SEND WITH PLACEMENT MEMOS THIS WOULD SAVE EMB STAFF TIME WHICH COULD THEN GO INTO PRODDING OF SOVIETS, ATTEMPTING TO KEEP IN CLOSER CONTACT WITH SOVIET UNIVERSITIES DIRECTLY , ETC.

4. ONE PARTICULAR PROBLEM WE NOTE IN THE MHE-CIES RELATIONSHIP IS FACT THAT MHE REPS HAVE NEVER HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR OVER COURSE OF YEARS WITH CIES WORK STYLES OR WITH A FEW PERSONALITIES KEY TO DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, IN CONTRAST TO THE FAMILIARITY THEY HAVE GAINED WITH IREX AND KASSOF/MATUSZEWSKI AS A RESULT OF NUMEROUS EXTENDED VISITS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT VISIT BY GIBBS FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY VISIT BY BOCKLEHEIDE AND LOVECKY WOULD ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM BUT WOULD, RATHER, COMPOUND IT. CIES SHOULD SELECT ONE OR TWO PERSONS, PREFERABLY RUSSIAN SPEAKERS, WHO WOULD TRAVEL TO USSR FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS TO REPRESENT COUNCIL IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MHE, ACADEMY, ETC. REPS SHOULD PREFERABLY NOT BE TEACHING FACULTY SUCH AS MUAN WHO VISITED LAST YEAR BUT RATHER PERSONS WITH MORE FAMILIARITY WITH SOVIET BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES. CONTINUITY IS VITAL IN THIS SOCIETY WHERE PERSONAL CONTACT MEANS SO MUCH.

5. SOVIETS FRANKLY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING STRAIGHT WHO OUR MANY VISITORS ARE AND NO AMOUNT OF EXPLAINING BY EMBOFFS REALLY SEEMS TO GET THROUGH. WE DO NOT BELIEVE VISITS BY GIBBS TO MHE, ACADEMY, ET AL WOULD ADD CLARITY BUT WOULD, RATHER, JUST CONFUSE FURTHER. SUGGEST, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEREFORE, THAT GIBBS DISCUSS LECTURER EXCHANGE ONLY INFORMALLY WITH HIS MGU COUNTERPARTS AND WITH EMBOFFS DURING UPCOMING VISIT AND THAT CONTACT WITH MHE, ACADEMY, ETC. BE RESERVED FOR NOVEMBER VISIT.

6. ALSO SUGGEST THAT UPCOMING VISITS TO U.S. BY PROFESSOR SIVACHEV OF MGU AND KULIK OF MHE (WHO WILL BE COMING FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL AGREEMENT) PROVIDE

MORE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIES REPS TO IMPRESS  
ON KEY SOVIETS CONCERNED WITH LECTUER EXCHANGE AT WORKING  
LEVEL NEED FOR IMPROVING PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGING  
REQUESTS, NOMINATIONS, ETC. BOTH SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE  
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR CIES OFFICES AND OBSERVE  
WORK IN PROGRESS.

7. REQUEST DEPT REMIND CIES OF URGENT NEED FOR NOMINATION  
OF LECTURER IN AMERICAN HISTORY FOR SPRING SEMESTER AT  
MGU.  
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